

A RESOLUTION to proclaim Lebanon, Tennessee the
Appalachian Square Dance Capital of the World.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee recognizes cities of Tennessee for their extraordinary achievements and successes; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the state of Tennessee designated square dancing, by statute, as the official state folk dance, in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-312; and

WHEREAS, square dancing is considered the most popular and widely known type of American folk dancing where, historically, square dancing can be traced as a derivative of English country dancing; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian square dancing has been, for many years, a part of Lebanon's culture, producing great square dancers across the state; and

WHEREAS, Lebanon has been and will be a place for square dance competition for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Travelers, a square dance group from Lebanon, began dancing at The Grand Ole Opry in the early 1950's and, as a result, square dancers from Lebanon continue to be featured at The Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon, at its 175th Anniversary celebration, established a new world record in Appalachian square dance participation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lebanon are extremely honored to have accomplished such a tremendous feat where great Appalachian square dancing does and will forever continue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,

That we recognize the City of Lebanon for its magnificent accomplishment by proclaiming Lebanon, Tennessee, the “Appalachian Square Dance Capital of the World”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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